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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you prepare for the Summit conference between the United States and the Soviet Union, I am hopeful that human rights will receive a prominent place on your agenda.

October 5, 1985, marked the fourth anniversary of the date on which Raoul Wallenberg was declared an honorary United States citizen, only the second such honor conferred in our nation's history.

I am particularly hopeful that you will seek the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved almost one-hundred-thousand Hungarian Jews from Nazi persecution, and who was seized by the Soviet Union on January 17, 1945. Raoul Wallenberg's disappearance into Soviet hands remains a coercive reality today.

I urge you to ascertain from Soviet Secretary Gorbachev the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and, if possible, to secure his return to freedom.

Respectfully yours,

SIDNEY R. YATES
Member of Congress

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